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Dear Tom

I sincerely appreciate your effort to keep General McConnell and me informed of the purpose and likely questions which may arise from Lieutenant General Yang, Shao-lien's visit in the United States.

Regarding the lens cone for the KS-67A camera, General Bradley has allotted $80,000 for the expedited procurement of eight 12 inch lens cones plus spares, and I have been advised that delivery of these items will be made in October 1965.

As you know, we have replaced the recent CHINAT RF-101 losses which will provide the resources for continuing the CAF reconnaissance program; however, their loss and the resultant effect on the USAF RF-101 inventory indicate this program may be reaching the point where it may not be practicable to continue using the RF-101. Accordingly, we have asked General Harris to encourage use by the CRC of the RF-104G in this program. We recognize this approach cannot be pushed until external tanks and a 12 inch lens cone for the Mauer Camera are available. In the interim, we must use our influence on the CRC to assure careful and sound employment of the RF-101s to minimize possible future losses.

We will assure General Yang of our desire to provide continued support for the CAF program.

Sincerely

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